

"He would want to be remembered as honest, hard-working, for his optimism and his enthusiasm for history," he said. "He always tried to show that optimism."

McCormick remained in good health until just a few months before his death.

Mrs. McCormick said she was "lucky."

"How can you grieve for a man who lived 95 years and enjoyed life," she said.

A past president of the Samuels Public Library, Bar Association and Front Royal Rotary Club, McCormick also organized the First Federal Savings and Loan Association and Peoples Bank of Front Royal.

Circuit Judge John E. Wetsel Jr. remembered McCormick "for his energy and intelligence."

"He was literally a son of the South in the best sense," he said.

McCormick funded a teaching chair for the Civil War Institute at Shenandoah University. He was an active member of John S. Mosby Camp 1237 of Sons of Confederate Veterans and served as its commander from 1962 to 1965. McCormick's father, William Logan McCormick, served in the 38th Virginia Infantry and charged the Union lines with Gen. George E. Pickett at Gettysburg.

Circuit Judge Dennis L. Hupp said he met McCormick early in his legal career and found a friend in the older man.

"Hugh McCormick was a real son of the Confederacy and my mother was a true daughter of the Confederacy. When I told him this, he took a liking to me," Hupp said.

McCormick published his memoirs, "Confederate Son," in 1993 and gave the proceeds to the Civil War Institute.

The 176-page book recounts McCormick's family heritage and his own life, including his youth in rural Virginia and success as a professional.

Former Front Royal Mayor Robert Traister recalled in the preface of "Confederate Son" his first meeting with McCormick.

The elderly lawyer's office was at the top of a steep set of stairs. But Traister noticed that a motorized chair was positioned at the bottom—for McCormick, he assumed.

After climbing to the top-floor suite, Traister was greeted by McCormick with a firm handshake and a rapid-fire explanation of the lift.

"You should've called on the intercom and I'd of motored you up to the top . . . I keep it there for my elderly clients . . . don't use it myself . . . the walk up here every day is good for my back . . . good for my golf game," McCormick told him.

Hugh McCormick Jr. said his father left the memoirs as his legacy.

"He said he wanted to leave it so his family would understand his life," he said. "And it's an interesting part of Americana."

Delivered into this world by a midwife who was a former slave, McCormick respected all people, his son said.

"He liked people and met them wherever they were," he said.

In the epilogue to "Confederate Son," McCormick shared his philosophy on life:

"Do not fear the future. Whenever a challenge presents itself, pursue it with all of the intelligence and energy at your command. To do so guarantees success in any of its myriad forms. To do less is not only abhorrently wasteful of the human spirit, it is undignified."

Virginia: In the circuit court of Warren County

Re Special session of court in honor and memory of Hugh D. McCormick, Esquire

ORDER

There will be a special session of the Circuit Court of Warren County on September

21, 1998, at 4:00 p.m. in honor and memory of Hugh D. McCormick, Esquire.

A committee consisting of the following named persons shall present a memorial resolution to the Court at that time, to-wit: Edward F. Greco, Esquire, Chairman; The Honorable John F. Ewell, Judge, Retired; and John G. Cadden, Esquire.

The Clerk of this Court shall forward copies of this Order to the named committee members, post a copy of this Order in his office and forward copies of this Order to the Clerks of all Circuit Court in the Twenty-Sixth Judicial Circuit who shall post these in their respective offices. The Clerks shall further notify members of their respective Bars in the manner they deem most expeditious and may also further disseminate copies of this Order as they deem appropriate.

Entered this 18 day of September, 1998.

PREAMBLES AND RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, on the 16th day of September, 1998, Hugh D. McCormick, Esquire, a former member of the Bar of this Court departed this life; and,

Whereas, Warren County has suffered the loss of an able and distinguished lawyer, sportsman and citizen, and, members of the Bar of Virginia who knew him, grieve the loss of a true and loyal friend; and,

Whereas, a brief Memorial of his life history is hereto attached; and,

Whereas, it is the desire of the members of the local Bar of this Court to perpetuate the memory of their departed friend and brother as a part of the records of this Court, and to place in these records an expression of their love and affection for him as a man, and of the admiration, respect and esteem in which they hold his memory as an outstanding person.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the members of the Warren County Bar do hereby express their profound grief and their sense of the irreparable loss they have suffered in the death of their friend and brother, Hugh D. McCormick, Esquire; and,

Be it further resolved, that for the purpose of perpetuating his memory, this Resolution, with the attached Memorial, be submitted to the Circuit Court of Warren County, Virginia, accompanied by a Motion that they be made a part of the permanent records of this Court and to have a copy thereof sent to his widow, Virginia H. McCormick, and to the local press.

Presented by a Committee of the Warren County Bar on behalf of the Warren County Bar Association.

MEMORIAL

Hugh DeWitt McCormick, Esquire, was born January 14, 1903 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. The youngest of thirteen children, he was the son of William Logan McCormick, a Confederate veteran in Pickett's Division, and Louise Taylor Farmer McCormick. Beginning his education in a one room schoolhouse, he was a 1923 graduate of Chatham Training School, now Hargrave Military Academy, and received a B.S. degree in 1927 and went on to receive a L.L.B. degree in 1947 from the University of Virginia. Between college and law school he worked for McCormick & Co., Inc. of Baltimore, Maryland. He was a WW II veteran serving in the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. He was appointed Commanding Officer of Service Squadron-34, Marine Air Group 34, Third Marine Wing, Oak Grove, North Carolina. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before retiring.

Mr. McCormick practiced law in Front Royal from 1947 to 1995. He served as Commonwealth's Attorney and Town Attorney and served eight years on the Front Royal Town Council. He was past President of the Samuel's Public Library, was an organizer of

the First Federal Savings and Loan Association and the Peoples Bank of Front Royal. He was past president of the Warren County Bar Association and the Front Royal Rotary Club, a member of the Unity Lodge 146 AF & AM, a Shriner, and active in many other fraternal and civic organizations. He funded scholarships at the University of Virginia School of Law and at Campbell Theological Seminary in Buies Creek, North Carolina. He also funded a chair for the Civil War Institute at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia.

Mr. McCormick took a great interest in athletics and was an accomplished athlete and a strong supporter of the University of Virginia Alumni Association and the Athletic Association. He played on the University of Virginia football team and was a life-long devotee of the game of golf which he played until he was ninety-two years old.

One of the last real Confederate sons, he had a great interest in the history of the Confederacy. He was an active member of John S. Mosby Camp 1237, Sons of Confederate Veterans and served as its Commander from 1962-1965. He published his memoirs "Confederate Son" in 1993 with proceeds going to the Civil War Institute of Shenandoah University in Winchester.

The community, and particularly the Bar, wish to express our deepest regret and sympathy to his family as we gather to pay our respects to a self-sufficient, goal oriented man, a colleague and a friend. All of us will do well to remember his admonition in his Epilogue of "Confederate Son": "Do not fear the future. Whenever a challenge presents itself, pursue it with all of the intelligence and energy at your command. To do so guarantees success in any of its myriad forms. To do less is not only abhorrently wasteful of the human spirit, it is undignified." Hugh DeWitt McCormick epitomized this worthy sentiment.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Bar and citizens of Warren County.

A TRIBUTE TO ROBERT L. "LARRY" DAVIS

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 1998

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to pay tribute to Colonel Robert L. "Larry" Davis, the Commander and District Engineer for the Los Angeles District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Thanks to a recent promotion, Larry will soon undertake a new assignment as the Chief of Staff of Fort Leonard Wood, U.S. Army Engineer School in Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

Colonel Davis was born on May 25, 1951 in Woodbury, NJ. Commissioned in the Army, he entered active duty in June, 1974 after graduation from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering. In addition, he holds a Master of Science degree in Operations Research from the Georgia Institute of Technology and is a registered professional engineer in the State of Virginia. His military education includes the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Air Force Air War College. His initial assignments after the Engineer Officer Basic Course were as a platoon leader and executive officer with the 249th Engineer Battalion in Karlsruhe, Germany.

After completing the Engineer Officer Advanced Course, his assignments included

Army Engineer Battalions at Ft. Belvoir, VA; Fort Campbell, KY; and Fort Benning, GA. He was also with the 5th Special Forces Group at Fort Campbell where he served as Group Engineer. In addition to these assignments to troop units, Colonel Davis has served as a Project Officer in the Pentagon and was a U.S. Exchange Officer to the Australian School of Military Engineering in Sydney. He also participated in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait and in Operations Restore Hope and Continue Hope in Somalia. He also took part in the Hurricane Andrew Relief Operations in Florida.

Colonel Davis is the recipient of numerous commendations and decorations including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three campaign stars. He has also earned the Parachutist and Air Assault Badges.

I especially want to thank Colonel Davis for his tremendous assistance with the Santa Ana Mainstem flood control project including the Seven Oaks Dam and San Timoteo elements. This effort, which is nearing completion, will result in flood protection for millions of citizens and billions of dollars of personal property in San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange Counties in California.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me and our colleagues in recognizing the talents and remarkable skills of Colonel Davis as he prepares to take on the position of Chief of Staff of Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. I would also like to express our appreciation to his wife Barbara and their two children, Kimberly Anne and John. For his many years of service and dedication, I believe it is only appropriate that the House recognize Colonel Davis today.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 1998

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4569) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes:

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to join my colleagues in strong support of maintaining Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act in the Foreign Operations Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1999. Section 907 was enacted in 1992 in response to Azerbaijan's illegal blockades of Armenia and Nagorno-Karabagh, and it remains a vital tool in United States policy towards the Caucasus.

Section 907 does not prohibit humanitarian aid, democracy building assistance, commercial assistance to United States businesses, or non-proliferation and disarmament assistance to Azerbaijan. It merely restricts direct government to government economic and military assistance to a regime known for their human rights abuses and corruption within the gov-

ernment. Azerbaijan has received over \$130 million in United States humanitarian aid since 1992, and will continue to do so; however, it is essential that we maintain Section 907 as a matter of United States foreign policy in the region.

The Government of Azerbaijan has restricted the transport of food, fuel, medicine, and other essential supplies to Armenia and Nagorno-Karabagh. Even after the devastating earthquakes in 1994, Azerbaijan failed to take any measures aimed at easing these blockades. Section 907 has not even stopped United States oil companies from sharing in the wealth of Azerbaijan oil resources.

The decision to lift Section 907 is left in the hands of the Government of Azerbaijan. When they begin to take the necessary steps toward lifting their destructive blockades of Armenia and Nagorno-Karabagh, then and only then should the repeal of Section 907 be considered.

IN HONOR OF THE KING OF SPORTS BROADCASTING

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 1998

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, as the baseball season comes to an end with all of its excitement of the homerun derby and the incredible performance of the New York Yankees, we in the San Francisco Bay Area have something else to celebrate and that is the remarkable career of sports announcer Bill King who has been the voice of the Oakland A's, The Oakland Raiders, and the Golden State Warriors.

Bill King has been calling games for forty years and providing so many days of enjoyment for the fans. His calls are a major part of the legends of American sports broadcasting.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the privilege the past few years to spend time with Bill King in social settings. It is a wonderful evening to experience and enjoy his stories, his understanding of sports in America, as his desire to talk sports, art, history and politics.

Recently, the San Francisco Examiner ran an article celebrating Bill King's Career in the San Francisco Bay Area. I would like to share it with my colleagues. The article follows:

[From the San Francisco Examiner, Aug. 23, 1998]

BILL KING HAS BEEN THE DISTINCTIVE VOICE OF BAY AREA SPORTS FOR 40 YEARS

(By Michelle Smith)

Bill King came to the Bay Area 40 years ago, without a beard or a legacy. Both have long since been firmly established.

King, however, does not do legacy, the same way he doesn't do shoes and socks, fancy cars or pants in the booth on a hot summer day.

He chooses to let his career speak for itself, and so it does.

In his years as the radio play-by-play voice of the A's, Warriors and Raiders, King has been the consummate messenger.

He has delivered some of the most memorable moments in local sports history with a style and conviction that earned him universal respect among his peers. And King's identity is so strong that even though he has

done most of his work in a non-visual medium, he is instantly recognizable behind his distinctive handlebar mustache and beard.

King's voice is not the traditional baritone of those born-to-be-broadcasters. His staccato delivery and ability to summon an evocative description for the big moments trigger memory, emotion and goose bumps.

Like in 1970 when he called a game-winning 51-yard field goal by George Blanda against Cleveland and declared Blanda had just been elected "King of the World." Or in 1977 when King called "The Ghost to the Post," Dave Casper's touchdown catch that gave the Raiders a playoff win in Baltimore. Or his 1978 call of the "Holy Roller" game-winning fumble recovery in San Diego, when he interpreted an official ordering coach John Madden to "get his big butt out of here."

King's calls of the Warriors' 1975 NBA championship sweep of the Washington Bullets and the A's 1989 World Series sweep of the Giants remain etched in the minds of listeners. As does his signature call "Holy Toledo" each time he sees something that needs extra emphasis.

"It is always nice when people have good responses to you—it's a lot better than the alternative," King said. "You don't want them saying, 'Get that idiot off the air.'"

Beyond that, King is reluctant to dig deeply into the reasons for his success and longevity. He has been working for a half-century, having called his first minor-league baseball game in Peoria, Ill., in 1948 at age 19.

"I am not a terribly introspective person," King said. "I don't do a lot of examining about why this or why that or why I feel this way or that way."

SMALL-TOWN SIMPLICITY

King is a man of simple ideals—the only evidence of his small-town Illinois upbringing—eclectic interests and a limitless passion for painting a visual picture.

"I love being on the air, I really do," King said. "I am a verbal person. I get a tactile feeling on my tongue. To not be able to verbalize is almost crippling to me. Some people would probably say 'I know, you never stop.'"

King shows no sign of stopping. He continues to work full-time at a time when popular Bay Area contemporaries like Lon Simmons and Hank Greenwald have cut back or retired altogether. King just signed a new three-year contract with the A's that keeps him as the team's radio voice through the 2001 season.

He keeps working simply because, he says, "There's no reason not to. I like what I'm doing. I get paid well for doing it and I can't think of anything that would be more desirable at this point."

He admits there no longer is time to do some of the things he loves, like sailing and traveling to places that don't have a baseball diamond within 50 miles. The commute to the ballpark from Sausalito sometimes takes twice as long as it used to, and the preparation—which has been a source of equal parts pride and obsession for King—is not nearly as straight-forward as it used to be, given the vast amounts of information now available.

King estimates he spends three hours a day preparing for a broadcast. "I can't imagine what it would be like to be on the computer. I won't do it."

UNIQUE PHONE SYSTEM

For many years in the 1960's, when King was doing both Warriors and Raiders games, he did not have a telephone in his home. A select few knew how to reach him on a downstairs neighbor's number.